



Government Industry Agreement for Biosecurity Readiness and Response

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This semi-regular update from the GIA Secretariat is intended to provide a general overview of the key matters considered by GIA governance bodies in the preceding month. It is not intended to communicate formal decisions by any of the parties, nor everything that happens within GIA. If there are any questions, or further information is required please contact steve.rich@gia.org.nz

Poultry Council: 1 October

The following key matters discussed were:

- Preliminary repayment arrangements for H7N6 Otago
- Project options for the first annual Work Programme Options
- In-kind contributions versus minimum commitments
- Identification of next steps for each project, including scoping, further investigation, or holding over pending other work.
- Scheduling of next meetings.

Foot and Mouth Disease Council (FMDC): 10 October

The following key matters discussed were:

- Council's reporting requirements
- The appointment of an external provider to provide project lead services for work on Operational Plans and Workforce Planning
- The newly established first annual readiness work programme with projects as follows:
 - Updating Operational Plans
 - Workforce Planning in an FMD Response
 - Response Governance Exercise
 - Compensation Review
 - FMD Equipment and Stores
 - Vaccination Antigen Bank
 - FMD Response Industry Communications
 - Updated budget, including the treatment of in-kind hours
- FMDC Meets again on 9 December 2025.

GIA Operations Limited (GOL) Board Planning Session: 21 October

The following key matters discussed were:

- Signing off the 24/25 accounts, including the Overhead readjustment and surplus to be refunded to partners
- Variation to the Service Level Agreement between GOL and MPI to accommodate increases in readiness expenditure through the FMD and Poultry OAs
- Agreement to enter a contract for services on behalf of the FMD Council
- Year-to-date financials (July–September financial performance report)
- Biosecurity Legislation review
- Livestock and Plant Sector progress in GIA
- Sector-specific readiness activities
- Possible review of the GIA Strategic Framework
- Options for the next review of the GIA Deed.

Plant Pass Biosecurity Scheme

- Plant Pass Version 2.0 consultation is underway with feedback being analysed from producers, auditors, and partners to refine the Checklist while maintaining high biosecurity standards.
- Sector Audit Model is progressing, combining central coordination with independent delivery to improve audit consistency and regional coverage.
- Producer participation: 100 total (85 active); 28 certified. Celebrating all NZ Winegrowers nurseries who are now fully certified.
- The first Regional & Unitary Council Forum was held with strong attendance and a focus on alignment between biosecurity and procurement.
- Plant Pass welcomed *Better Biosecurity Solutions Ltd* as a new Partner, bringing additional technical and field-based biosecurity expertise into the network.